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White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The Regular meeting of the First Things First – White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on July 26, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. at the Red Devil Pizza Restaurant, 1774 East White Mountain Boulevard, Pinetop, Arizona 85935.

Chair Endfield called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Members Present:

C. Bradley Brock, Shine Burnette, Laurel Endfield, Ranelda Hastings, Velma Kaytoggy, Maura Riesop, Dawnafe Whitesinger and Kathy Wynn

Members Absent: None

Other Attendees: Kate Dobler-Allen, Mona Eleando, Kirk Massey, Jr., Charlene Surber, Maureen Theobald and Virginia Turner

Discussion and Possible Approval of the June 14, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Chair Endfield asked the members to review the minutes of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Regular meeting held on June 14, 2011. Vice Chair Whitesinger motioned for the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council to approve the June 14, 2011 meeting minutes as presented. Member Burnette seconded; the motion passed 8:0:0.

Call to the Public

None

Arizona Parent Kit Distribution Update

Member Wynn reported that there is currently an inventory of 42 Arizona Parent Kits at Indian Health Services in Whiteriver and that a system will be established to track the use of the kits. Member Wynn further stated that families are open to receiving them.

Discussion and Possible Approval of the Indian Health Services Parent Coaching Contract for State Fiscal Year 2012

Member Wynn recused herself due to her employment with Indian Health Services.

Sr. Director Turner reviewed the program description, grant history, award amounts and renewal considerations for the Parent Coaching strategy and shared that First Things First staff recommends renewal of the Parent Coaching grant: GRA-RC028-11-0211-01.

Member Burnette motioned to renew the Parent Coaching Program for the period September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, as presented. Member Brock seconded; the motion passed 7:0:1.

Interim Regional Director's Report

a. Head Start Professional Development Request Update: Interim Regional Director Dobler-Allen shared information received from Leola Larzelere, Director of Head Start in Whiteriver, regarding the educational requirements for teachers and assistant teachers as well as deadlines for these requirements. Regional Director Dobler-Allen stated the need is for scholarship funding and discussed possible options for programs that could be funded by this Regional Council. Because of the urgency of this need, the members requested a Special Regional Council meeting be held; the members agreed to hold the Special meeting on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. at ABC Day Care, Whiteriver, Arizona.

b. Child Care Health Consultation Update: Interim Regional Director Dobler-Allen informed the members that Member Wynn has the draft contract for the Child Care Health Consultation program, so this is moving forward.

c. Status Update on White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Director Position: Sr. Director Turner shared that fifteen applications were received; of those, five candidates have been identified for further screening. Member Hastings requested information about training for the new Regional Director; Sr. Director Turner stated the new hire will receive training from Regional staff as well as from the Sr. Director, Tribal Affairs, Beverly Russell.

d. State Fiscal Year 2013 Needs and Assets Tribal Approval Update: Sr. Director Turner noted that Sr. Director, Tribal Affairs, Beverly Russell presented at the Health Board meeting on July 25, 2011. Due to having new members, the Health Board requested the opportunity to review the request; an expected determination date will be at the next Health Board Meeting on August 22, 2011. Sr. Director Turner also noted that the Executive Director of the Division of Health Programs, Charlene Hamilton, was very supportive and also noted how beneficial the Needs and Assets Report is to the community. Once a decision is received by the Health Board, it is planned that Sr. Director Russell will present at the next White Mountain Apache Tribal Council meeting. Member Burnette noted the importance of having a Regional Council member at the Tribal Council meeting; Chair Endfield will be contacted to determine who will attend, once the date is known.

Regional Council Member Updates and Reports

Interim Regional Director Dobler-Allen reminded the members that the deadline for signing up for the Summit is July 29, 2011. Suggestions were given to Interim Regional Director Dobler-Allen for potential Regional Council members since there are now three vacancies.

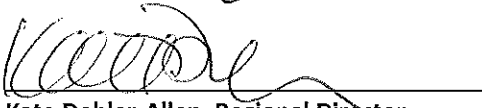
Adjourn

The next meeting of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council will be held at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, at ABC Day Care in Whiteriver, Arizona. Having no further business, Chair Endfield adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:59 p.m.

Approved:



Laurel Endfield, Chair



Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Director
Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council